Year	Kerala		Tamil Nadu	
	Cranes	Ambulances	Cranes	Ambulances
2000-01	-	1	-	10
2001-02	-	-	1	-
2002-03	-	-	1	1

(d) The cranes and ambulances are deployed on stretches of National Highways to expeditiously clear the accidents sites and evacuate accident victims to the nearest medical centre.

External assistance for roads in Orissa

1838. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any important road project in the State of Orissa is being constructed with external assistance;

(b) if so, what are those roads projects;

(c) the external assistance made available for those road projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) to (d) The Union Government is primarily responsible for development and upkeep of the National Highways. No project on National Highways in Orissa is presently being constructed with external assistance.

Assistance for roads in Orissa

1839. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central assistance has been sanctioned for Puri-Konark and Pipili road in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total Central assistance sanctioned for the above mentioned road, so far; and

(c) how much amount out of that has been spent on that road till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Upgradation of 10,000 Kms. of National Highways

1840. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made on the announcement on the eve of the Independence Day made by the Prime Minister with regard to upgrading 10,000 Kms. of National Highways;

(b) the details of the National Highways going to be upgraded under this scheme State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is by passing the NHAI and the State PWDs in executing this project; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for over looking them, apart from the reasons that they are overloaded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Upgradation of various stretches of National Highways for an aggregate length of 4611 km. have been finalized so far, out of which bids have been invited from prequalified entrepreneurs on Build Operate Transfer (BOT) basis for 7 projects involving a total length of 622 km. Preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) is in advance stage involving a total length of another 688 km.

(b) The State-wise details of 4611 km. of National Highway stretches finalized so far are enclosed at Statement (*See* below).

(c) NHAI has been assigned the work of implementation of this project.

(d) Does not arise.